



—PUBLIC NOTICE—

REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE

— PUBLIC COMMENTS INVITED —

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Bernardo P. Velasco at Tucson, Arizona, is due to expire on September 28, 2016. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge in this court include the following:

- (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
- (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and
- (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court. All comments will be kept confidential. Comments must be received by **June 30, 2016**, and may be submitted via email to **commentsBPV@azd.uscourts.gov** or by mail or in person to:

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